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LAST REMAINING DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON IN TITANIC STONES STREET GANG DRUG TRAFFICKING CASE

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; and CHET EPPERSON, Chief of the Rockford Police Department, today made the following announcement:

On Friday, December 5, 2008, United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard sentenced the last remaining defendant in the prosecution of the Titanic Stones street gang to federal prison for his role in a conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine. Judge Reinhard sentenced **JOEL TURNER, JR.** 28, of Rockford, to a total of 25 years in federal prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base ("crack"), as well as possessing a firearm during a drug trafficking crime. Turner must also serve an 8 year period of supervised release following his release from prison.

Turner pled guilty on July 28, 2008 and admitted that he participated in the conspiracy between August 10, 2005 and August 22, 2005 by selling heroin from a drug house located at 1023 Kishwaukee Street, Rockford, Illinois. Evidence at the trial of codefendants' Montrell McSwain, Bradford Dodson and Lee Allen, and other plea agreements entered in the case, established that Darrell "Duck" Davis controlled the drug trafficking activities of the Titanic Stones street gang in Rockford, also known as "The Brothers." Beginning in 2001, Davis recruited several Titanic Stones gang members from Chicago to come to Rockford to assist in the sale of heroin and crack cocaine. Members of the gang arranged for houses to be rented in other person's names, usually females associated with a gang member, then used those houses as distribution centers for the sale of the drugs. The gang used firearms to protect their drugs, money, and drug houses from rival drug dealers and rival gangs. The gang also fortified the drug houses' doors with barrel bolts and 2" x 4" boards in order to make it more difficult for the police and rivals to get inside.

During the course of the conspiracy several Titanic Stones gang members were involved in shootings with rival drug dealers and gangs.

To date, all 16 individuals charged as part of the conspiracy have been sentenced, as summarized in the following chart:

DEFENDANT	CHARGES	NON-PAROLEABLE FEDERAL SENTENCE
DARRELL D. DAVIS	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	42 YEARS
STEVEN P. EASTER	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	21 YEARS
AMBROSE L. JONES	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	12 YEARS, 8 MONTHS
ANTHONY K. GLOVER	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	18 YEARS
MONTRELL McSWAIN	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	25 YEARS
DUPREE L. TURNER	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	15 YEARS, 1 MONTH

BOBBY L. HARRIS	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	14 YEARS
BRADFORD V. DODSON	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	35 YEARS
JAMAUL R. McKAY	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	15 YEARS
FLOYD R. MURRAY	Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	9 YEARS, 5 MONTHS
CAMERON P. LEMON	Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	10 YEARS
SYLVIA M. DAVENPORT	Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	5 YEARS, 10 MONTHS
JAMEAH M. FLINT	Aiding and abetting conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	4 YEARS
CLINTON W. ALLEN	Aiding and abetting conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	7 YEARS, 3 MONTHS

LEE S. ALLEN	Aiding and abetting conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	2 ½ YEARS
JOEL TURNER, JR.	Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Offense	25 YEARS

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Rockford Police Department, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, and the Rockford-Winnebago County Metro Narcotics Unit. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Mark T. Karner.

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